## Proclamation

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### Matthew G. Bebin Gobernor

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## Commonwealth of Kentucky



#### To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Department for Public Health, and all local health departments are charged with protecting and safeguarding Kentucky's environmental health and the health of its citizens, including the detection and prevention of radon, mold and lead exposures; and

WHEREAS, The professionals that ensure our environment and citizen health is protected are duly registered as sanitarians or environmental health specialists after achieving an appropriate four-year degree from a college or university; successfully completing a rigorous examination process; and maintaining continuing education credits; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 700 registered sanitarians/environmental health specialists in Kentucky, who conduct thousands of statewide inspections and investigations each year to ensure the safety and health of Kentucky residents, visitors and our environment; and

WHEREAS, These professionals oversee and regulate a tremendous amount of Kentucky's economy through the oversight of many public and private entities such as restaurants, grocery stores, supermarkets, food processors, hotels, motels, public swimming pools, youth camps, onsite sewage installers, lead abatement contractors, schools and other business entities and programs; and

WHEREAS, The tireless work of these professionals helps minimize and prevent transmission of disease, such as food-borne and water-borne illness, vector-borne illness and other infectious agents contracted in public surroundings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of March  $13^{th}$ - $17^{th}$ , 2017, as

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in Kentucky and call upon public and private organizations to celebrate with appropriate activities that acknowledge these efforts.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  $3^{rd}$  day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen and in the  $225^{th}$  year of the Commonwealth.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN GOVERNOR

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